

Suspension

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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Can I work as a nurse if my license is suspended?	No. You may not work in a position that requires an active nursing license during the period of time your license is suspended.
Can I work as a Medical Assistant or in some other job if my employer can find something else for me to do?	That is between you and your employer. The Board of Nursing only has jurisdiction over your <u>nursing</u> practice. CAUTION: <i>Role confusion may occur if you rapidly change from a licensed role into an unlicensed one. Illegal practice of licensed nursing duties may occur inadvertently and result in additional action by the Board.</i>
How long will my license be suspended?	The length of time that your nursing license is suspended varies based on your Order type and required stipulations. Refer to your individual Order. Average times of Suspension include: Until Conditions Met: Your license will remain suspended until you complete the required stipulations. This time period can be as brief as a few days (some people don't even miss any work days), or extend to 12 months, beyond which time the license is automatically revoked. Time-specified: The time period your license will remain suspended may vary from 2 weeks to 11 months (as specified in your Order). In addition to the time requirement, there are usually specific stipulations that must be completed prior to reinstatement. Again, failure to complete all requirements to lift the Suspension usually results in automatic revocation.
Is my license suspended right now?	No. Suspension of your nursing license requires Board action.
When, <i>exactly</i> , will my license be suspended?	The date, or attempted date, of certified mail delivery of your Order to your address of record following the Board Meeting in which your Order was discussed. You may check the status of your license ("License Lookup") on the ABN website.
Why is there a lapse in time between when I agree to the Consent Order and the Order actually taking effect?	Board action is required to discipline your nursing license because only the Board has that authority. The Board meets every other month to discuss disciplinary actions.
What can I do to minimize the amount of time that my nursing license is suspended?	You can complete some requirements early if you prefer. For example, continuing education and employment notification may be submitted to the Board prior to the Order becoming effective using any of the following options: (1) mail to ABN, Attn: Probation, (2) email to ABN at abn@abn.alabama.gov , (3) fax to 334.293.5209, Attn: Probation, or (4) hand deliver to the ABN office. See information regarding fines below.
What do I have to do to lift the Suspension of my license?	That varies based on your Order type and required stipulations. Refer to your individual Order.

Will I be on Probation after the Suspension is lifted?	That varies based on your Order type and required stipulations. Refer to your individual Order. NOTE: Refer to Probation Monitoring FAQs
Whom do I contact if I have questions about the status of my nursing license Suspension?	ABN Probation: 334.293.5229 if the Suspension has occurred. ABN Legal: 334.293.5222 if the Suspension is pending.
What do I include on correspondence with the ABN?	Include your nursing license number OR case number on all items you send to the Board.
How do I return my wallet ID card?	Mail card to: Alabama Board of Nursing, Attn: Probation P.O. Box 303900 Montgomery, AL 36130-3900
How do I pay the disciplinary fine?	Options are: (1) The <u>total amount</u> of the fine may be paid on the ABN website at www.abn.alabama.gov . Look for the \$ icon in the “Fees” section. You may use a credit or debit card. A transaction fee of \$3.50 will be added. (2) Cashier’s check; money order; certified check; corporate or business check may be mailed to the ABN office or hand-delivered to the ABN office. NOTE: Fines will be posted once your Order is approved by the Board. The Board meets every other month to review discipline.
When is the disciplinary fine due?	In most cases, payment of the fine is required prior to lifting the Suspension from the nursing license. Refer to your Order for this information.
What if I can’t pay the disciplinary fine?	Since fine payment is usually required prior to lifting the Suspension from the nursing license, your nursing license may be revoked. Refer to your Order for further information.
When is my Notice of Receipt of Board Order form due?	The Notice of Receipt of Board Order form is due within 10 days of the effective date of your Board Order. This is also required prior to having the Suspension of your nursing license lifted.
What if I am not employed in nursing?	If you are not employed in nursing at the time the Board approves your Order, you must submit a written statement indicating that you are not employed in nursing.
Where are CE courses located?	CE courses are online. Most courses are located at www.learningext.com .
How much do the CE courses cost?	Cost of courses varies. Courses located at www.learningext.com cost approximately \$30.00.
Where do I send certificates of completion for the CE courses?	There are four choices: (1) mail to ABN, Attn: Probation, (2) email to ABN at abn@abn.alabama.gov , (3) fax to 334.293.5209, Attn: Probation, or (4) hand deliver to the ABN office.